

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 29 and ending on page 16, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

DNA Sequencing and Analysis. Plasmid DNA containing the RDA products was prepared using the QIAprep Spin Miniprep according to the manufacturer's instructions (Qiagen). Virco (Cambridge, UK) analyzed the sequences using an automated DNA sequencer (Applied Biosystems). Sequence homologies were determined using the Blast program of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (~~http://www~~ at the world wide web address [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST)[[/]]).